(d) The accounts of IIPA, including the expenditure, have been audited upto the year 1995-96;

(e) No such case has been brought out by the Audit Reports.

(f) Does not arise, in view of (e).

[English]

Right to Residence

1794. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a significant ruling, the Supreme Court observed right to residence for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classess and urban poor;

(b) if so, the details regarding the observations made by the Supreme Court; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). In a recent judgement in C.A. No. 12992/96 (Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Vs. Nawab Khan Gulab Khan and Ors.) the Hon'ble Supreme Court have observed, inter-alia :

(i) "Right to shelter, therefore, includes adequate living space, safe and decent structure, clean and decent surroundings, sufficient light, pure air and water, electricity, sanitation and other civic amenities like roads etc.

(ii) As is enjoined in the Directive Principals, the State should be deemed to be under an obligation to secure it for its citizens, of course subject to its economic budgeting.

(iii) It would therefore be the duty of the State to provided right to shelter to the poor and indigent weaker sections of the society in fulfilment of the constitutional objectives.

(iv) It would, therefore, be of necessity that the policy of the Government in executing the policies of providing housing accommodation either to the rural poor or the urban poor, should be such that the lands allotted or houses constructed/plots allotted be in such a manner that all the sections of the society, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled tribes, Backward Classes and other poor are integrated as cohesive social structure."

(c) Government is committed to the progressive realisation of the right to adequate housing through a number of concreate measures outlined in the National Housing Policy.

Break Water Wave Power Generation System

1795. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the technology for construction of Integrated Break Water Wave Power Generating System has been fully developed;

(b) whether any such project is being undertaken in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to evolve an integrated plan in consultation with Agriculture Ministry, Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources and Water Resources; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e). The technology for construction of integrated break water wave power generating system has not been fully developed. There is neither any proposal for such a project to be undertaken in Orissa, nor to prepare an integrated plan for this purpose.

[Translation]

Construction of Roads in Kanpur

1796. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction work of important roads of Kanpur city (U.P.) has not been commenced so far even after funds were released one year backs;

(b) whether the Government propose to conduct any enquiry into the matter;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) if not the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to check irregularities in the Public Works Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Improvement and reconstruction of city roads of Kanpur was sanctioned on 5.2.96 for Rs. 250.00 lakhs and part